

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE
NEW SANCTUARY ON ROCK
SPRINGS CHURCH

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of the House a momentous occasion occurring in the Eighth District of Georgia—the one-year anniversary of the new sanctuary of Rock Springs Church in Milner, Georgia which will be celebrated on August 14 of this year.

The ministry of Rock Springs is an amazing demonstration of the faithfulness of God in the lives of His people. The church has been a lighthouse for more than 150 years, faithfully calling on people in Georgia to follow the Lord in accordance with His Word.

It was 1852, when some of the first Congregational Methodist churches were being formed, that Rock Springs first began. The church began serving the area immediately, and moved into its first sanctuary in 1855.

From that point, a number of faithful men served in the pulpit, proclaiming God's Word to all who came to hear, and going out into the community to spread the message of truth.

The church has continued to grow, and now Dr. Benny Tate leads the work that has been carried on by so many before him. Dr. Tate's vision of ministry for the community has continued to grow, and the church stands as a lighthouse, true to the Word of God.

Dr. Tate's messages on the importance of Christian involvement in government have been an encouragement and challenge to me, and I appreciate his vision for Christians serving all throughout the halls of government. But true Christian statesmanship involves a deep commitment to living out the truths of the Bible, and that is the message that comes out loud and clear from the people of Rock Springs.

One year ago, Rock Springs dedicated the new church sanctuary, as Solomon dedicated the temple, to the glory of God. This is the base of operations for ministry to the community. But the building itself is not the church. As we celebrate this new sanctuary, dedicated to the worship of God, the equipping of His people, and the evangelization of the lost, we also thank God for the people of Rock Springs and the testimony they are to a watching world around them.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to lay before this House the ministry of Rock Springs Church, and pray God's richest blessings on the ministry there as they look back on the past year of the new sanctuary, and look forward to many, many years of ministry in the future.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR,
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
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SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2005

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under

consideration the bill (H.R. 3010) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to state for the record, that although I will not be able to vote on final passage of H.R. 3010, I oppose this bill. As many of you are well aware because of actions recommended in your own districts, the BRAC Commission is in the process of holding regional hearings throughout the country. They are holding a hearing on closure of Cannon Air Force Base, located in my district, tomorrow, Friday June 24th, and I will be in attendance with the entire New Mexico delegation to show our support for keeping Cannon open.

With that said Mr. Chairman, I do appreciate the difficult constraints under which Mr. REGULA and Mr. OBEY had to work in crafting this important spending bill, and I certainly commend them for the work. Unfortunately, because this appropriations bill implements the budget resolution that I opposed, but that Congress passed, it does not give enough funding for many important services of the Federal Government. Services that have real implications for real people throughout New Mexico and the Nation.

As Mr. OBEY pointed out in his opening remarks, last year's Labor/H bill funded the programs at \$3.5 billion above the previous year. This year, however, on a program-to-program basis, the bill cuts \$1.6 billion. Programs such as the Community Access Program, which received \$83 million last year, are devastated in this year's bill. The Community Access Program has been utilized by several organizations in New Mexico to provide better integrated systems of care for uninsured and underinsured, but receives no funding under H.R. 3010.

Also, H.R. 3010 cuts funding for rural health care and emergency medical services by \$44 million, or 41 percent. That does not take into account the cuts to the Health Professions Training Program, which is also an important program for rural and underserved areas in New Mexico. The Health Professions program encourages new medical and dental school graduates to choose primary care specialties and to practice in rural and urban underserved areas. H.R. 3010 cuts funding for this program by \$252 million, or by 84 percent.

Another program that I believe is of great importance is the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant. Earlier this year I sent a letter, joined by 70 of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, urging the appropriations committee to provide funding for this program. The President unfortunately requested zero funding for it in his budget request, so I am pleased that the Chairman and Ranking Member included \$100 million in H.R. 3010. I do hope, however, that the Senate will provide a greater level of funding that will be ultimately retained in the conference report.

I also would like to highlight, as many others have done today, the \$100 million cut to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. This figure represents a 25 percent cut over FY05 levels for CPB, and I hope that Mr. OBEY's amendment to restore this funding passes. Again, though I will not be able to vote on this amendment, I strongly support its passage.

I also support the amendment that will be offered by Mr. MILLER to deny funds in H.R.

3010 for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). The PBGC just today published official notice in the Washington Post that it would be terminating the pension plan of United Airlines Flight Attendants next week. This termination—and the terminations of the rest of the United Airlines pension plans for pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, public contact employees and others—is unfair. It is the result of a backroom deal struck between the PBGC and United Airlines to terminate the company's pension plans and dump the liabilities onto the PBGC. The PBGC should not be allowed to go forward with this plan, and the Miller amendment will ensure that it does not.

Mr. Chairman, I have just highlighted a few of the issues important to my constituents and me. I did not touch on the key education programs that are shortchanged under H.R. 3010, nor did I address the worker training, labor, and human services programs that are shortchanged under this legislation. The list is too lengthy for me to do so. What it does all add up to, however, is a bill that does not represent the values of me, or my constituents. And for that reason, were I to be here tomorrow, I would vote "no" on final passage of H.R. 3010.

HONORING JIMMY LEE GREEN

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, Jim Lee Green—or Jimmy Lee as he's known in my hometown of Chattanooga—is an ordinary man with an extraordinary amount of commitment.

He began working for Southern Champion Tray in Chattanooga when he was 18 years old. And now, 50 years later, Jimmy Lee is the first person in Southern Tray's 78-year history to attain this landmark anniversary! Having no plans for retirement, Jimmy Lee Green has an extraordinary amount of energy, commitment and devotion.

Southern Tray will honor Jimmy Lee for his 50 years of servant leadership and dedication this Saturday, July 2, 2005. Words that his co-workers use to describe him are "honest, faithful, loyal, determined, fair and trustworthy."

Jim L. Green was born in Welch, West Virginia, on February 16, 1937. He's more than a faithful employee, he's a family man, a loyal friend and veteran of our Naval Services.

Congratulations to Jimmy Lee Green for reaching this unprecedented milestone! And, congratulations to Southern Champion Tray for its great work environment and continued investment in those who work there.

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HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday's edition of the New York Times carried a lengthy analysis of the recent service expansions into new media delivery outlets